

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the private airlines are keen to induct more planes and the expansion of fleet by private airlines is going to create congestion in the skies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The news-item reports that the growth in air traffic has led some of the private airlines to plan for acquiring more capacity.

(c) to (e). Induction of capacity and expansion of related infrastructure are on-going process. In order to ensure safety, security and orderly growth of air transport operations, keeping in view the availability of infrastructural facilities, and as per existing policy, addition of capacity is being permitted to the existing scheduled operators and new operators are allowed import of aircraft upto 50 seat capacity.

Stake in the Air Lanka

2057. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines and the Air India are interested in the 40% stake in the Air Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) the manner in which the Air India and the Indian Airlines are likely to be get benefited as result of acquisition of stake in the Air Lanka particularly in view of their dismal performance in managing their own operation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Preparation of Tourism Plans

2058. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Governments have been asked to prepare perspective tourism Plans for the next 16 to 20 years;

(b) if so, the details of State which have prepared such plan and submitted to the Union Government for approval;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to make proper coordination so that those plans are cleared and also the funds made available; and

(d) the details of the schemes of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b). The following State Governments have prepared Master Plans for development of Tourism.

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| i) | Andhra Pradesh |
| ii) | Goa |
| iii) | Himachal Pradesh |
| iv) | Karnataka |
| v) | Kerala |
| vi) | Madhya Pradesh |
| vii) | Punjab |
| viii) | Rajasthan |
| ix) | Tamil Nadu |
| x) | Assam |
| xi) | Andaman and Nicobar |

(c) to (d). The Master Plans are intended to provide a comprehensive set of activities for the development of Tourism over a period of time and assign priorities for implementation by the respective State Governments. The Planning Commission, the State Government concerned and the Department of Tourism discuss the plan together. Funds for projects derived from the Master Plans are drawn from the Centre, State Governments and the Private Sector.

Development of Railway Stations

2059. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :

SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN :

PROF. P.J. KURIEN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Railway Stations modernised/expanded/Developed in Kerala during the last three years;

(b) the names of the Railway Stations which are being modernised/expanded/developed in Kerala and expenditure likely to be incurred thereon alongwith budgetary allocation and completion date thereof;

(c) the names of the Railway Stations proposed to be modernised/expanded in near future;

(d) whether Government are aware of the difficulties experienced by the passengers due to lack of facilities at Alleppey Railway Station; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Calicut, Ernakulam Jn, Tellicherry, Changanacherry, Chengannur, Pattambi, Trivandrum Central & Cannanore.

(b) Various development works have been taken up at Trichur, Ettumanur, Kayankulam Jn. and Chalakudi at

a total cost of Rs.108.07 lakh with an outlay of Rs.72.90 lakh during 1996-97. Works at these stations are expected to be completed by March, 1998.

(c) Modernisation/expansion of railway stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken on need based programme depending upon the overall availability of funds in each financial year.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Growth Rate of HCL/HZC

2060. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hindustan Copper Limited and Hindustan Zinc Corporations have been working according to the expected growth rate of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the modernisation Plan and growth rate projection for Ninth Plan period of those organisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Because of resource constraints, required investments could not be made by Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) for expansion of smelting and refining capacity from 47500 TPA to 61500 TPA. Hence production of refined Copper remained almost static during the VIIIth Plan period.

Non-stabilization of the new Lead-Zinc Smeltar at Chanderiya and unremunerative prices of imported Lead Concentrates have resulted in lower than targetted production by Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) during VIIIth Plan period.

(d) HCL has conceived of a plan for expansion of Smelter and Refinery at the Khetri Copper Complex from 31000 TPA to 100000 TPA during the IXth Plan period thereby increasing the smelting and refining capacity of the Company from existing 47500 TPA to 116500 TPA.

HZL has conceived of a plan to expand the existing Zinc smelting capacities by 20000 TPA and to set up a new Zinc Smeltar of 60000 TPA capacity during the IXth Plan period.

Aero Magnetic Survey on Minerals Deposits

2061. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Aero-Magnetic Survey was undertaken by Australia to explore the possibility of mineral deposit in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for the proper exploitation of diamond, gold and other precious minerals in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). An Area of 75,000 sq. km has been covered by aero-magnetic surveys by Orissa Government in Phulbani, Boudh, Bolangir, Naupara, Angul, Dhankanal and parts of Kalahandi and Mayurbhanj districts with the help of World Geoscience Ltd., Australia. Data collected through survey require analysis and it is premature at this stage to indicate any steps for exploitation of the minerals.

Survey Report of Angamaly-Muvattupuzha-Pala-Erumely

2062. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received final report of survey of Angamaly-Muvattupuzha-Pala-Erumely railway line,

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) the time by which the work on above line is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Tower Telephones

2063. DR. G.R. SARODE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether tower elephones have been installed in some panchayats of Jalgaon district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the cost of expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) the number of such tower telephone which are unfunctional; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to make them functional?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Village Public Telephones have been installed using MARR Technology in some Panchayats of Jalgaon district of Maharashtra.

(b) There is Rs.80,000 on an average expenditure per VPT.

(c) Total 212 Nos. of VPTs on MARR system are unfunctional.